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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 400 JAMES, Addison Davis, 1849-1910

½ box. 3 folders. 2 items. 1901-1905. Photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Addison Davis James was born on 27 February 1849 in Butler County, Kentucky, the fourth of twelve children born to Thomas M. and Eliza (Harreld) James. He was raised on a farm and received a common school education in Morgantown and Greenville, Kentucky. In 1867 he opened a drugstore in Morgantown and studied medicine with R. B. Morehead. In 1869 he graduated from the Louisville University of Medicine. He practiced medicine from 1871 to 1884 in Penrod, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. From 1880 to 1884, he took an active role in the politics of his Congressional district. In 1884 he was appointed surgeon for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad Company. In 1888 he served as a capable Republican organizer in southern Indiana, with headquarters in Oakland City. He was elected to serve in the 1890 Kentucky Constitutional Convention. The following year he was elected to the Kentucky General Assembly, a seat that he resigned in order to serve on the World's Fair Commission. In 1893 he was elected to the Kentucky Senate and was re-elected to a succeeding term. In June 1897 he was appointed U.S. Marshal for the western section of Kentucky and was re-appointed to a second four-year term in 1901. In 1906 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Third District.

Dr. James married Hattie Penrod on 6 October 1869, and they had four children: Mollie, Anna, Clarence and Mandie. Hattie died on 7 January 1881, and Dr. James married Bell Penrod, a sister of his former wife, on 15 March 1882. Dr. James died in 7 June 1910 and is buried in the James Cemetery, located about ½ mile from Penrod, Kentucky

COLLECTION NOTE

The collection consists of photocopies of a letter press book that belonged to Addison Davis James. The book contains approximately 100 letters written while James was the U.S. Marshall for Western Kentucky. The letters are basically chronological, but the order of the pages was retained. Although in two folders, the contents are numbered continuously just as they were in the original volume, which was 358 pages in length.

James writes to various Republican politicians about matters in the western section of Kentucky. Correspondents include President Theodore Roosevelt, Vice-president William Howard Taft, and other federal office holders. A large number of the letters are addressed to fellow Kentuckian John W. Yerkes, who at the time was serving as Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington. The letters address political issues and political patronage in the Commonwealth. If two or more letters were written to an individual, his name was included in the subject analytics of this finding aid.

SHELF LIST

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Photocopy of a letter press book kept by Addison Davis James during the time he was U.S. Marshal for Western Kentucky. James was a physician and a prominent Republican from Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Allison, Young Ewing, 1853-1932 – Letters to
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DuPont, T. Coley – Letters to
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Fisher, Frank – Letters to
 Flexner, Bernard, 1865-1945 – Letter to
 Franks, E. T. – Letters to
 Galloway, John Marshall, 1844-1918 – Letter to
 Happy, James H. – Letters to
 Knott, Richard Wilson, 1830-1911 – Letter to
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 Motley, Charles P. – Letter to
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 Powers, Caleb, 1869-1932 – Relating to, 1904
 Preston, L. W. – Letters to
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 Roberts, Samuel J. – Letters to
 Roberts, T. L. – Letters to
 Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919 – Correspondence
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 Wickliffe, W. A. – Letters to
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